

Suburbs Ponder Sewer Compromise

BUILDERS ASK \$661,000 MORE FOR HICKORY CREEK PROJECT

By BRANDON BROWN

Staff Writer

Lincoln and St. Joseph townships Wednesday received a proposal to finish the stalled \$1.5 million Hickory Creek sewer interceptor for an extra \$661,300 and with the

original contractor.

Joseph D. "Jack" Craigmire, an official from the engineers overseeing the project, revealed to officials from the two townships and other agencies the \$661,300 is an estimate based on results of

verbal agreements between the engineers and contractor.

Prompt approval by local governments is necessary because the contractor earnestly desires to resume construction March 1 and finish the job by Dec. 31 "if humanly

possible," Craigmire said. The additional \$661,300 may be met in part or in whole by federal grants, which already underwrite part of the project, Craigmire added.

As proposed, the interceptor construction would be com-

pleted under the original contract, but with major changes allowing for use of more expensive steel pipe, instead of concrete pipe, and for a better method of supporting pipe in swampy ground.

The interceptor route would remain the same—through the swampy ground of the Hickory Creek ravine. Craigmire told the meeting yesterday that a representative of Contractor Yerington & Harris concurred the best route for the line was in the ravine bottom.

Yerington & Harris, Inc., of Benton Harbor won the 7-mile sewer job Dec. 31, 1969, with a low bid of \$1,566,726. The only other bid, from Holloway Sand & Gravel Co. of Wixom, was \$2,363,154. Yerington & Harris disputed the engineers, walked off the job April 9, 1971, with 15 per cent of it done, and sued the county to break its contract. The county offered the balance of the job last August and received bids of \$3.9 to \$4.4 million.

Thus, Craigmire said, the sum total of the Yerington & Harris original bid plus the \$661,300 falls below the only other original bid and far below rebids.

The two townships were asked by the Berrien county board of public works (BPP) to approve resolutions, guaranteeing repayment of \$700,000, to finish the sewer line, if necessary.

Ernest Hauch, Lincoln township supervisor, indicated he looks favorably on the proposal. Orval Benson, St. Joseph township supervisor, indicated he seeks something in writing supporting Craigmire's report to present to his board.

Y&H won the sewer job with the original contract price of \$1.5 million. But legal, engineering and other (See back page, sec. 1, col. 7)

More

Trouble

Brewing

Irish Parade

Sunday Could

Be Bloody

DUBLIN (AP) — Gangs of youths milled through Dublin all night, taunting police and singing in celebration of burning of the British Embassy.

The British ambassador, Sir John Peck, returned from London and remarked coolly, "I suppose we'll just have to compromise." He said he planned to see the government as soon as possible to discuss compensation for the four-story Georgian building near the center of the Irish capital.

A mob estimated at 30,000 burned out the Embassy Wednesday in retaliation for the killing last Sunday of 13 civilians in a clash with British troops in Londonderry, Northern Ireland's second largest city.

The outnumbered police made no attempt to restrain the mob as it hurled salvos of gasoline bombs and burned symbolic coffins straddled by effigies of British Prime Minister Edward Heath.

After seeing the Embassy gutted, one group moved on to storm the nearby British Post Office. But there the police broke up the attack with a baton charge that gave several demonstrators sore heads.

A firebomb attack had been made on the Embassy Tuesday, and the 30 members of the staff had evacuated the building and removed all secret and valuable documents before the attack Wednesday. The value of the building was estimated at \$235,000.

The Irish government apologized, accepted responsibility for the damage and offered to pay full compensation.

In Northern Ireland, officials called on the Civil Rights Association to cancel a parade scheduled Sunday in Newry and avert the possibility of a repetition of the bloodshed last Sunday. But a member of the association told newsmen, "Next Sunday's march is definitely and irrevocably on," in defiance of a ban on all such demonstrations. The government warned that British troops would break up the march.

One man was killed Wednesday night and five others were seriously injured when a bomb blew up a tavern in Stewartstown, 30 miles west of Belfast. Police said the bomb was placed in front of the saloon, and the people inside were given no warning to get out. A spokesman blamed the blast on the Irish Republican Army, fighting a guerrilla war to oust the British and reunite the

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heat converts water to steam, which turns turbines connected to generators.

"This isn't a new electricity generating system. It's a new fuel source for generators that already exist," Mrs. Meinel told newsmen Wednesday after she and her husband outlined details of their new solar energy converter for American Physical Society members.

The first device, which the Meinel's call a "credibility model," is expected to be ready in about three months. It is about the size of a large table.

The sunlight would be converted into heat which would be used to run conventional electrical generating stations.

Such stations now get their heat from nuclear fission or fossil fuels such as coal. The

thin films of molybdenum, cesium and magnesium compounds are deposited. They allow sunlight to pass through, but prevent much of the energy it contains from radiating back out.

Special lenses concentrate the sunlight before it strikes the pipe, generating temperatures to 1,000 degrees. A gas or liquid flowing through the pipe carries off the heat for use at the power plant.

The failure of earlier converters to achieve such high temperatures has delayed past plans to convert sunlight into

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Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

Check Before Buying That Lot Up North

Land has always been regarded as one of the stabler measures of value in a world where fluctuations in attitudes resemble the tide's ebb and flow.

Possibly because of this inherent attachment, it also is the source of outsize frauds.

Early in the 18th century, John Law, a shrewd Scotsman, acquired the development rights to France's possessions in the Louisiana territory. A few years later the French government extended his charter to its holdings in Africa, China and the Indies.

Law's skillful portrayal of Louisiana and the Mississippi river as the source for untold wealth in minerals, furs and sugar planting enabled him to peddle unlimited shares in his Mississippi Company to gullible Parisian investors.

The scheme collapsed three years after Law set the Bourse (the Paris stock exchange) on end. Thousands lost their life savings in what the history books later called the Mississippi Bubble.

In the following century the discovery of gold and silver in the western territories created the salted mine. Prospectors down on their luck planted ore samplings in exhausted deposits. The gullible tenderfoot eagerly parted with his money for a partnership in worthless rock.

Following William Flagler's pushing of some rail lines into the state and the building of a few posh resort hotels, Florida, once World War I was out of the way, blossomed as the "in" locale for sunshine loving vacationers.

This influx stimulated a real estate turnover and construction boom far exceeding any prior experience.

The Florida land boom thudded to a halt in 1925 once more cautious minds began to ask when second and third mortgages on scrub pineland might be paid off.

Liberally intermingled with this speculative madness reminiscent of Law's venture was outright fraud measured in the hundreds of millions. Thousands of people found themselves holding title to lots dominated by alligators or swum over by the ocean's fish.

In recent years Uncle Sam has fallen victim to the practice of overpricing property for FHA financing. Uncle Sam is having to foreclose on mortgages written up for much more than the properties' market value and is finding the promoters going south, in manner of speaking.

The latest scheme, one borrowed from spurious ventures in the southwestern states, is flourishing in the Land of Hiawatha, a tourist and resort association's flowered designation for Northern Michigan.

This lure is being pitched with great success to people in Southern Michigan.

No Overwhelming Acclaim

Unit pricing is a cause many consumer activists have championed, in the belief they are doing the shopper a service. What better way, they argue, for the housewife to make her selections than by knowing the cost by ounce or pound of the various brands offered?

The idea is plausible, and undoubtedly some shoppers do make their selections along these lines when possible. In fact, the U. S. Department of Commerce is looking into the question of making unit pricing mandatory.

One of the research organizations helping with the study for the department is the Consumer Research In-

stitute. The Institute is a private organization which provides research data on subjects of interest to its members, which include the food industry, advertising agencies and periodicals.

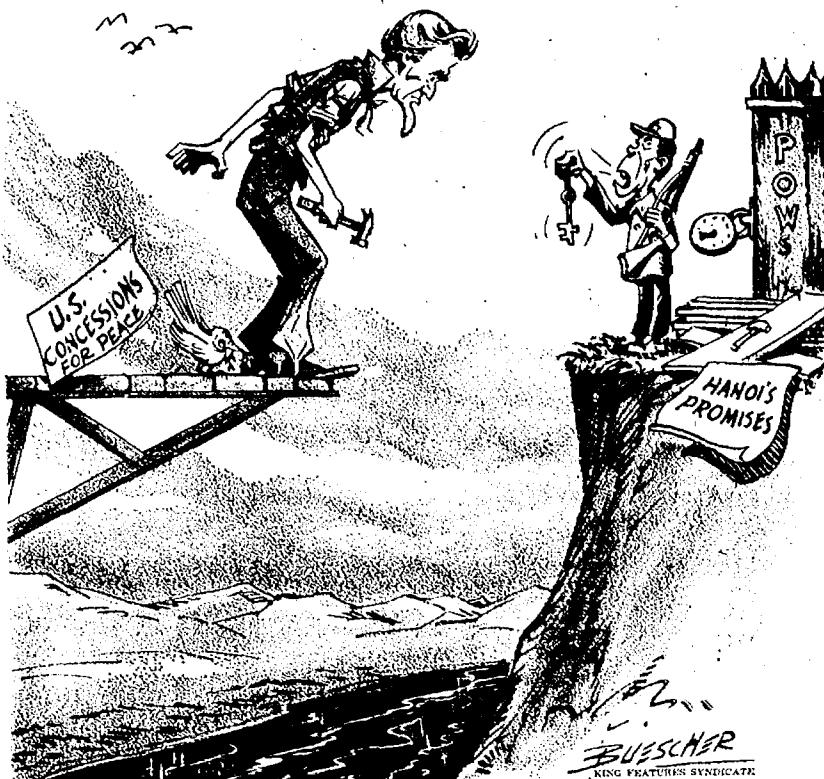
In two separate studies, the Institute found reporting vital information to the consumer had widely varying responses. When nutrient labeling of various foods was practiced, the Institute noted a marked switch to foods with higher contents.

In studies of unit pricing, the Institute found most shoppers paid little attention to the information. In one test, conducted in Toledo, O., the institute interviewed 2,400 shoppers in stores which had converted to unit pricing. Only 65 percent said they had noticed the labels, and only 23.5 percent of these said they had saved money by using the information provided.

When only 15 percent of those interviewed said they thought they saved money through unit pricing, the results indicated something less than overwhelming interest. The Institute found patrons were more interested in such attractions as good meat departments, clean stores, courteous personnel, lower prices and convenient locations.

Comparative pricing is one shopping incentive, but only one among many, and frequently found well down the list of priorities.

Now Jump!



Ray Cromley

Nixon Attack On Sure Ground

WASHINGTON (NEA) — President Nixon's budget message brings into the open an administration-congressional fight festering here for years: It concerns influence of special interest groups on Congress, the waste this "congressional-special-interests complex" produces, and the resulting higher taxes, inflation and slowdown in vital national priority programs. Note then these additional words:

"The administration will vigorously oppose irresponsible, short-sighted spending proposals that would commit large sums of federal money to schemes that are politically attractive but endanger an inflation-free prosperity."

"There will be those who contend that in this budget favorite programs are not financed, or are not financed as they want them to be."

"They will be absolutely right."

In this attack, Mr. Nixon is on sure grounds. For so long as man can remember, many congressional bills have been written to insure some of the funds will go to or be used in a very special interest groups desire.

Each senator and representative must look out for the votes he needs to get himself re-elected. Groups with pressure power get a hearing. Contrary to public opinion these are not always the rich or economically powerful industrial alliances.

They may be unions, associations of professional men, such as doctors or lawyers, or non-profit associations of private individuals working for causes they believe to be worthy.

Jeffrey Hold

Brinkley Flunks As Historian



bogus figures did admirably serve Brinkley's tendentious purposes. I have now received a letter from a knowledgeable reader who sheds a good deal of light on the intellectual shallowness of Brinkley's use of "militaristic" Prussia in that passage.

He points out that the Kingdom of Prussia in the time of Frederick the Great had no real equivalent of our state and local taxation. Prussia was a highly centralized state, and the revenues of the central government were required to meet virtually all the costs of government at every level. A valid comparison, therefore, "should show the ratio of military expenditures to government revenues in Prussia as against the ratio of military expenditure to the total of all Federal, state and local revenues in the United States."

However, Brinkley had distorted the figures for U.S. revenue. In 1971, the percentage spent for defense was 41.2, not "two-thirds." In fiscal 1972, the percentage shrank to 35.7. So, a complete alteration.

The distortions here, however, involve far more than jiggered figures, though the 35.7 per cent figure which you cite.

Of course, none of the foregoing should imply that Prussia, even spending half her total governmental revenues on her army, was insanely militaristic to do so. A comparatively small state, with no natural frontiers, surrounded by powerful neighbors such as Austria and France, could scarcely have maintained her national existence through the 18th century without such an effort. Even with it, Prussia was thoroughly humiliated, and reduced to vassalage, by Napoleon at the beginning of the 19th century.

Everywhere you touch it, therefore, Brinkley's passage, crumbles pulsariously. The figures are wrong and the percentages misleading. The New Left cliché that the U.S. is even more "obsessed" with war than Prussia thus lacks all foundation. Because the U.S. has a diversified tax system and Prussia is bound in history, merely summing out of an old Erich von Stroheim movie.

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I'm familiar with both sides of the K-9 problem. Over breeding and irresponsibility of dog owners combined with the lack of enforcement of state dog laws have created a nightmare for citizens and dogs. Yes! Stray dogs should be picked up and when possible...

Besides four years with the Humane Society I've been dog warden in South Haven for nearly two years, and believe I'm familiar with both sides of the K-9 problem. Over breeding and irresponsibility of dog owners combined with the lack of enforcement of state dog laws have created a nightmare for citizens and dogs. Yes! Stray dogs should be picked up and when possible...

In spite of the many alternatives, Bangor's Police Chief has advertised in at least two newspapers that any time they receive a complaint on a dog who's loose, it will be shot and killed. I believe one should try to guard and protect all gentle life on this earth, whether it's human or animal.

Sincerely,
DIANA AVILES
South Haven, Mich.

Editor,
The Herald-Press:
ALL THIS TO LOVE
God gave us the sun, the moon and the stars,
And the wonderful sky above,
The trees, the flowers, the lakes and the streams,
All this for mankind to love.

The wind, the rain, the snow and the cold,
And the heat of the sun at noon,
Now men will destroy these marvelous things
by getting up to Mars and the moon.

Why not be satisfied with these marvelous things
That we have here on earth?
God gave them to us to enjoy
And forget about exploring Mars and the moon.
And God's gift to mankind destroy.

GEORGE CARLSON,
New Buffalo.

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"What's this little item? — install and adjust new watchamacalit — \$34.95."

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Twin City
News

Economists See Business Upswing



WELCOMED: Thomas Alford, (right) Benton Harbor city librarian, was appointed to the Benton Harbor Area Schools board of education in a special noon meeting Monday, replacing Mrs. Ronald (Nancy) Taylor, who resigned from the post. School Board President Oliver Rector welcomes Alford to the board seat which will expire in June. (Staff photo)

BH School Board Again Names Alford

Thomas Alford, 36, director of the Benton Harbor public library, was appointed Wednesday to the Benton Harbor Area schools board of education replacing Mrs. Nancy Taylor who resigned Jan. 22.

The other six members of the board voted unanimously to appoint Alford for a term running through June when the seat will be up for election for a two-year term. It is the second time Alford has been named to the board to fill a vacancy. He was

appointed in November, 1971, and served until June, 1971. He decided then not to seek election.

In selecting Alford, the board passed up three persons who applied for the appointment. They were the Rev. C. Wesley Gordon, pastor of Union Memorial AME church; Wilce L. Cooke, a nurse at Mercy hospital; and Mrs. Connie Patterson, housewife and secretary of the Boyton elementary school PTA.

Alford, who resides at 823 Superior street with his wife, Kay; and two children has been a resident of Benton Harbor since moving here from Flint in 1969.

Alford is the only black member of the board of education and the only resident of the city serving on the board.

Upon his appointment Alford said "I will make every attempt to serve my community and our school system to the best of my ability."

He was

Rauh New National Ad Chief

William H. Rauh has been named national advertising manager of Palladium Publishing Co., it was announced today by James M. Case, advertising manager.

Palladium is publisher of the Twin Cities' sister newspapers, the Benton Harbor News-Palladium and the St. Joseph Herald-Press.

Rauh has charge of all services and sales to national advertisers, including coordination of local and national copy.

He brings 20 years of experience with the local firm to his new position. For 18 years he was a retail sales representative, handling local accounts. For the past two years he has been chief of the advertising dispatch department.

He is 44 years old and a



WILLIAM H. RAUH

Meeting To Focus On Taxes

"Business Challenge - 72", a regional legislative conference highlighting trends in state expenditures and their meaning to the individual businessman will be held Monday noon at the St. Joseph Elk's club.

The session, sponsored by the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce and the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held during a joint luncheon meeting of the Twin Cities Rotary club and the local chamber.

State Senators Harry DeMaso, chairman, Senate Taxation committee, and Robert VanderLaan, Senate Republican leader, will be featured on the program. Also included is Richard Guregan, director of taxes and diversification, State Tax Evaluation committee, and State Senator Charles Zollar, Benton Harbor.

"We need to examine trends in state and local spending and their meaning to the individual businessman," Harry R. Hall, State Chamber president said. "The State of Michigan is now projecting a possible increase in state expenditures of 100 per cent in only five years."

The meeting is combined with lunch and takes an hour and a half. Persons wishing to attend, other than Rotarians, may contact the Chamber of Commerce office.

FAIRPLAIN

BH Seniors Serving Pancakes Saturday

The Senior class of Benton Harbor high school will stage a pancake and sausage supper from 5:30 to 9:30 Saturday evening at Fairplain junior high school.

The donation will be \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children under 12 years of age.

Darwyn Fair, president of the senior class, said the proceeds from the supper will go to the class treasury to help pay for year-end class activities.

Outlook Is Good For '72

Jobless Rate, Inflation Still Worry Experts

By PAUL SHERRINGTON
Staff Writer

An upward swing in the American economy can be expected in 1972, three economists forecast last night at a conference sponsored by the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce.

Nearly 70 local businessmen attended the meeting at the Benton Harbor Ramada inn. Moderator for the program was Robert E. Williams, president and general manager of Benton Harbor Engineering and a chamber vice president.

The economists were William J. Powers, corporate economist, Clark Equipment Co.; Paul H. Martzowka, vice president and economist, Manufacturers National bank, Detroit; and John E. Smallwood, director, economic and marketing research, Whirlpool corporation.

Smallwood said 1972 looks like "a darn good year for everybody." He sees the national gross product rising 10 percent, consumer spending to rise 10 percent, housing up 10 percent, retail sales up 9 percent, but consumer prices up 3½ percent.

On a less optimistic note, Smallwood said at the end of 1972, "America would be faced with unemployment levels still above acceptable levels despite an expected slight decrease in present figures; inflation still rapid and accelerating, and wage price controls surprising all of us on how swiftly they become ineffective."

On the whole, Smallwood said, the picture does look brighter. As an example, he cited the fact that in 1972 nearly 25 percent of all families in the country will be earning over \$15,000 per year. In 1947 the figure was 3 percent and in 1968 it was 15 percent.

On the local level, Smallwood expects Twin City retail sales to expand 10 percent if Benton Harbor and St. Joseph continue in their recent relationship to the national average. A rise of 10 percent would boost sales figures to over \$200 million from an estimated \$187 million in 1971.

An increase of about 3,000 jobs in Berrien county can be expected, Smallwood added. Unemployment, he said, would then go down from 5,200 to 4,200.

Powers, in discussing incentive to investors in the upcoming year, said he could foresee five plus factors.

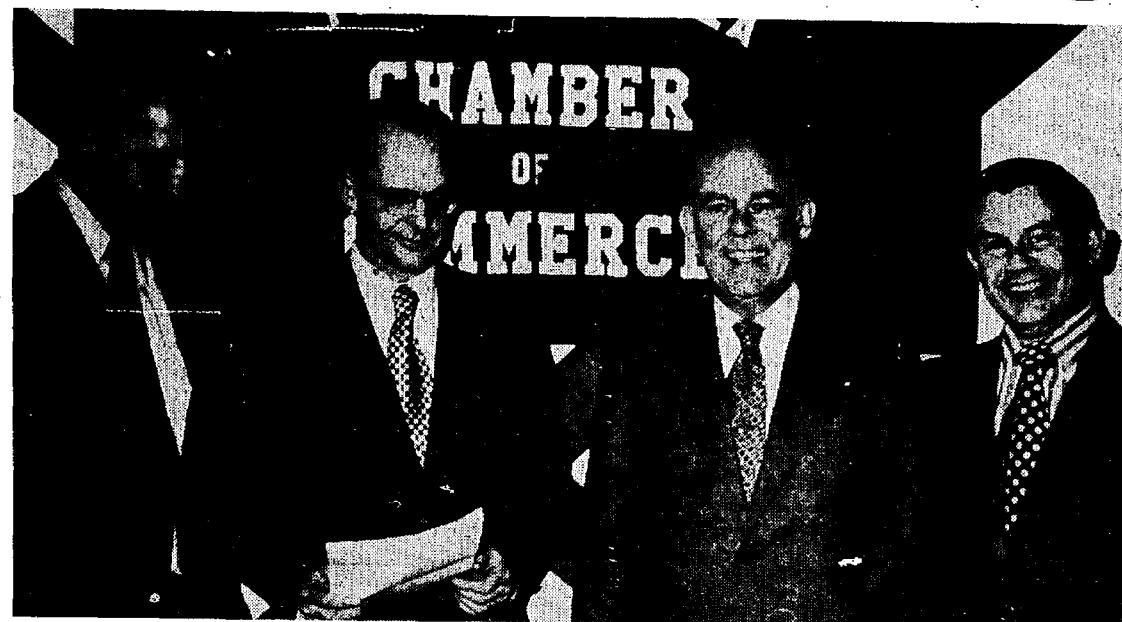
These included new tax legislation with 7 percent investment credit increasing cash flow, new regulations such as anti-pollution equipment affecting investment, cost pressures in the economy, increased utilization of available business capacities, and a decrease in money costs with loosening of tight money.

While expressing general optimism, Powers said he feared that a proper investment mix would not be found.

Powers said such a mix involves investment in several areas. In the recent past, he noted, much investment has concentrated in an area such as public utilities. A broader base is needed, he said, for a truly successful year in investment.

In his talk, Martzowka said he expects all sectors of the gross national product (GNP) to be relatively strong. "Our assumption for GNP growth is over 9 percent for this year," he added.

He said that high levels in mortgage demand, corporate bond purchasing, and municipal bonds can be expected to continue.



ROSY FORECAST: A brighter economic picture for 1972 was forecast by three economists last night at a conference sponsored by the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce. Discussing the out-

look are, from left: Paul H. Martzowka; Robert E. Williams, moderator; William J. Powers; and John E. Smallwood. Conference was held at Ramada Inn, Benton township. (Staff photo)

BH Getting All Automatic Long Distance Dialing

Michigan Bell announced today that beginning Monday morning, Feb. 7, most Benton Harbor telephone customers no longer will hear "May I have your number, please?" from the operator when dialing long distance calls.

New automatic telephone equipment will be placed in service which will make note of the number dialed, the length of the call and the number of the calling party — all without the assistance of the operator.

Ray C. Briggs, local Michigan Bell district manager, said the new system, called Automatic Number Identification (ANI), will serve some 15,000 one and two-party customers in the 925, 926 and 927 (WA) exchanges.

"However," Briggs said, "there will be occasions

when at peak calling periods the automatic equipment might be busy. During these periods, the operator will ask the calling party for his number."

Rural and special billing customers will continue to give their numbers to the operator, Briggs said.

The procedure for dialing long distance calls will not change. Telephone users will dial the access code "1," the area code if it is other than 616, and the distant phone number.

Briggs added the changeover will not affect local calling areas or change the rates of the customers involved.

The conversion to ANI, he explained, is another step in providing faster and more convenient service to telephone customers.

Youth Director Joins Y

Terrence Bambrick, a YMCA executive in Grand Rapids for the past four and a half years, has joined the staff of the Twin Cities area YMCA as metropolitan youth director.

The announcement was made by Lloyd F. Sanborn, local "Y" executive. Sanborn said Bambrick, 33, will serve as head of youth programs at central "Y" on Michigan street, Benton Harbor, and also will head activities at the Benton township branch, 1697 Britain avenue.

Frank Asalyne was youth director at the downtown unit until his resignation last September.

Bambrick most recently has been executive for the Lowell branch of the YMCA in Grand Rapids. Bambrick also served two years as program director of the Duncan North branch, Chicago.

Bambrick is married and



TERRENCE BAMBRICK
the father of two boys, aged eight and nine.

Heating System Fails In SJ

St. Joseph firemen shut off the boiler and called a serviceman when a pipe in the heating system in the home of Victoria Merritt, 720 State street, St. Joseph, broke yesterday at noon.

Alaska; two brothers, Melvin of Eau Claire and Harold of Freeport, La.; and a sister, Mrs. Franklin (Geraldine) Lester of Benton Harbor.

Also surviving are his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kramer of Lantana, Fla.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Florin funeral home. Dr. Carlos C. Page, pastor of the Peace Temple United Methodist church, will officiate. Burial will be in North Shore Memory Gardens.

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Dead was Earl A. Sanders of 1200 East Empire avenue. Calhoun county sheriff's deputies said Sanders was thrown from the cab of the truck and also crushed by the trailer. Deputies said the trailer later caught fire.

The accident occurred east of Marshall on westbound I-94 near 29 Mile road in Sheridan township.

Mr. Sanders, a truck driver for Signal Delivery Service Inc., since 1951, was born March 18, 1929, in Eau Claire. Signal Delivery is a carrier for Whirlpool Corp.

Surviving are a son Earl and a daughter Patricia, of

Dotty Hinkelmann Suffers Coronary In New Orleans

Mrs. Alfred (Dotty) Hinkelmann, well-known proprietor of Dotty's Chapeaux, a women's wear store in St. Joseph, is under treatment for a severe coronary attack suffered Monday in New Orleans, La.

Her husband told this newspaper via phone today that her condition is listed as "very critical." She is a patient in the coronary intensive care unit of Southern Baptist General hospital, New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinkelmann arrived in New Orleans Sunday evening, planning to spend four days before proceeding on to Miami, Fla., to complete a winter vacation. Mrs. Hinkelmann fell ill that evening and suffered the coronary attack Monday.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hinkelmann have been prominent in civic and business affairs of the Twin Cities. He is owner of Hinkelmann Dental Laboratory.

tory, Benton Harbor, and a former mayor of Benton Harbor.

Mrs. Hinkelmann has been active in Republican party campaigning and a host of civic enterprises. She opened a hat shop on Niles avenue, St. Joseph, several years ago and has since expanded it to include dresses and other women's apparel.

The couple resides at 2016 Niles avenue, St. Joseph.

EARL A. SANDERS
Trucker Killed

Photo by AP Wirephoto

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Reorganization Worries Educators

SCHOOL MEN FEAR LOSS OF LOCAL CONTROL

By PAUL SHERRINGTON

Staff Writer

DOWAGIAC — Educators from Berrien, Van Buren, and Cass counties Wednesday expressed serious reservations with a state board of education proposal to carve Michigan into 17 regions for planning and funding.

These misgivings were expressed at an opinion-gathering public meeting requested by the state board of education and held at Dowagiac Union high school.

Moderating the program was Paul DeRose, supervisor of reorganization with the state department of education. With DeRose was Dwight Smith, supervisor of language arts with the department.

DeRose said he was present, along with Smith, to "obtain a reaction of local school boards and report back to the Michigan board of education."

A prime question of those in attendance was expressed by Lionel Stacey, superintendent of the Lakeshore school system: "Tell us how this program will give more money and help to the children we are serving."

Questions of financing and autonomy within local school systems were repeatedly asked by the concerned educators. They also asked what this additional unit of state educational structure will do the intermediate districts. Some of the questions were: Does the new program mean more state control? Who will end up paying for projects under the new regional setup? Will administrative costs rise?

These questions were not answered by DeRose, who said he would relay what was discussed and report general impressions received from the meeting to the state board when it convenes.

DeRose said at stake im-

mediately is a plan for development of bases for distributing federal funds available for media centers in prescribed regions. The 17 proposed regions, which bring together intermediate school districts, would be the foundation for distribution of this money.

DeRose said media centers would house filmstrips, tapes, and other audio-visual aids helpful in teaching. The new regions would provide a broader base for distributing these materials, he added.

Intermediate school districts from Berrien, Van Buren, and Cass counties would form one unit in the proposed regional setup.

DeRose said the proposal was not designed to jeopardize the intermediate districts. "The only way an intermediate district could be taken out of existence is by an act of the legislature," DeRose stated.

A statement issued by the state department of education expressed the same theme: "When adopting tentatively the 17 designated areas, board members emphasized the fact that no implications were intended for future reorganization of intermediate school districts. In fact, the board continues to support legislation now pending which provides for the reorganization of intermediate school districts to some number totaling not less than 15 and not more than 25."

Such statements did not seem to soothe the feelings of the majority of area school administrators in attendance.

Twelve of the 33 raised hands when asked how many would prefer to remain in their own intermediate district without regionalization. Some of the same school officials were among those 17 who said they could live with both intermediate districts and regionalization on a three-county basis.

About 10 did not vote on either matter, making percentage determinations impossible to figure. No one, however, raised a hand when asked if they could support regionalization on more than the proposed three-county base in this area.

Elmer Van Dyke, superintendent of the Van Buren intermediate district, said he would "much prefer to have things remain the way they are." Saying there has been no official meeting among Van Buren educators on the matter, Van Dyke said he felt, "we could live with the three-county program if regionalization is definitely what will happen to local control."

Richard Warren, superintendent of the Niles school system, said "Obviously, the state is moving quickly toward a directing role in the function of education. We are basically concerned to what will happen to local control."

He added, "Most of us are willing to work with consolidation. We need to know more of the pros and cons of the matter at hand."

In another comment, Stacey said he also foresaw more

state control. "I am very concerned with the total tone of this proposal . . . we can only see it moving in one direction," Stacey said he "could support the three-county proposal if regionalization is becoming a reality."

DeRose said present plans call for adoption of the regional program by the state

board of education by March 1. The questions raised at the meeting yesterday, the moderator added, would be reported to the board before it makes its final decision.

When several in the audience expressed doubt that the board would listen, DeRose concluded by saying: "There appears to be a credibility gap."



DISCUSSES REGIONALIZATION: Paul DeRose, supervisor of reorganization for state department of education, met with 33 area educators in Dowagiac yesterday to discuss a proposal for regional planning and funding proposed by the state board of education. In attendance were school leaders from Berrien, Van Buren, and Cass counties, which comprise one of the proposed regions.

Hutchinson Pushes For Sisk Bill

WASHINGTON — U. S. Congressman Edward Hutchinson, citing the economic problems of southwestern Michigan fruit growers, has urged the leadership of a House of Representatives agricultural subcommittee to take prompt and favorable action on the proposed National Agricultural Marketing and Bargaining act. It is widely known as the Sisk bill.

The proposed legislation would allow farmers to form voluntary cooperative marketing and bargaining associations for the purpose of negotiating contracts with handlers of agricultural products.

Hearings on the legislation, which was sponsored by Congressman B. F. Sisk (D-Calif.), were completed last fall and the measure awaits action by the House of Representatives marketing and consumer relations subcommittee in the House.

The Sisk bill defines standards for recognition of qualified bargaining associations and provides "mutual obligation" for the cooperatives and handlers to "negotiate in good faith" with respect to price and terms of sale of the agricultural products.

Congressman Hutchinson addressed a letter of support for the bill to Rep. Thomas S. Foley (D-Wash.), subcommittee chairman, and to Rep. George A. Goodling (R-Pa.), ranking minority member.

In his letter, Hutchinson pointed out that he introduced "similar legislation" last June which has been referred to the subcommittee.

He said, "Since 1965 or 1966 it has become increasingly apparent to me that the



ELECTED: Coloma police Lt. Edward Dill has been elected 1972 president of the Coloma Emergency Ambulance service. Other officers elected are Franklin Quigley, vice president; and Larry Williamson, re-elected secretary-treasurer.

NEW-CHECK SYSTEM

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve Board is developing a system that will clear or bounce checks within a day after they are deposited in any participating bank. Then it plans to move on to a system that will eliminate checks altogether.

Two Plead Innocent To Game Violations

Two young men charged in the shooting of a deer in Galien township, Jan. 23, pleaded innocent to the charges in Berrien Fifth District court Tuesday.

John William Lawrick, 19, of 807 LaSalle avenue, Benton Harbor, is charged with willful illegal killing of a deer and Jerry Wayne Turner, 20, of 2826 West Glenwood, Stevensville, is charged with unlawful attempt to shoot a deer.

Both men waived a jury trial and were released on \$200 bond each, pending trial by judge.

Conservation officers Walt Mikula and Bill Edwards found the doe near the intersection of Cleveland avenue and Buffalo road.

School children in a four county area, including Berrien, Cass, Van Buren and Allegan, are learning to read a newspaper through visual classroom instruction.

The program, sponsored by this newspaper through Visual Education Consultants (VEC), is being used in over 100 schools in the area.

"You have so many interesting things in it to that

sixth grade class of Jack Hartsell at Sister Lakes so much that all 24 students wrote Thank You letters to this newspaper.

Pam Besnett wrote, "It (the study) was fun. Before, I never looked at newspaper, and now that we study it in our reading class, I look at it every night."

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it takes me over 30 minutes to read it. I like the newspaper now. I hope we do some more newspaper study."

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Report From Sixth Graders

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Apportionment Plan

This map shows a proposal for reapportioning Van Buren county commission districts and is to be reviewed Friday at 2 p.m. at public hearing of county apportionment commission. Hearing is to be held in courthouse in Paw Paw. Under plan, county would continue to have 15 districts. It has been proposed by Gobles Commissioners Gerald Rendel. Individuals as well as officials may submit plans to

apportionment commission for consideration. Areas outlined with heavier lines represent proposed districts. Lighter lines show township boundaries. Districts would range in population size from 3,615 in District 4 (part of South Haven city) to 3,920 in District 14 (Decatur township). Insert in left hand corner of map shows proposed division in South Haven city.

Bank Burglars Are Sentenced

GRAND RAPIDS — Four men were sentenced in U. S. District court Wednesday for attempted bank burglary Dec. 19 at the Fairplain Plaza

Judge Albert Engel, handed Elmer Crachy a 10-year term in a federal penitentiary.

His brother Bernard, 34, received a four-year sentence, with four months of the sentence to be served in jail and the remainder suspended, followed by five years of probation. He also had to pay a \$500 fine.

Joseph Lulinski, 43, also received the same sentence. The fourth member of the gang, Frank R. Esposito, 43, was sentenced to a five-year term in a federal penitentiary.

All four pleaded guilty to charges of attempted bank burglary.

PROMOTED: Lt. Carl E. Freeman, 50, has assumed his new duties as assistant commander of the Paw Paw district of the state police. Before being promoted to first lieutenant and assigned to Paw Paw, he was with the field inspection section as state police headquarters in East Lansing.

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KEELER — An unoccupied house on the farm of Mrs. Lucille Richter, Keeler Lake road, burned to the ground last night.

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